



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Bastian et al.  
Serial No.: 09/536,736  
Filed: March 28, 2000  
Title: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND  
PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACIDS ON  
SURFACES

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §§ 1.114 (c) AND (d)**

Sir:

This paper is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.114(c) and (d) concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114(a) in the above-identified application.

This paper addresses remarks the Examiner made in an Office Action (Paper No. 14), mailed January 28, 2003, and in which the Examiner made the rejections of the claims final. Applicants subsequently submitted on June 30, 2003, a Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 and a Notice of Appeal in response to Paper No. 14. In an Advisory Action (Paper No. 17), mailed July 15, 2003, the Examiner refused to enter Applicants' amendments as presented in the Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116.

This paper is also filed with a Petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), along with the appropriate fee according to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2).

To avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

This paper is filed with an RCE in order to secure consideration of amendments to the claims as presented in the Listing of the Claims, beginning on p. 3, below.

Applicants' Remarks follow on p. 13.